

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Original)** A hybrid plant having two or more copies of a fertility restorer gene at two or more gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

2. **(Original)** The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, which has two to four copies of a fertility restorer gene at two to four gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to Claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein multiple fertility restorer genes are located on distinct chromosomes.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to ~~any one of Claims 1-3~~, Claim 1, wherein the fertility restorer gene is a gametic fertility restorer gene.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to ~~any one of Claims 1-4~~, Claim 1, wherein the hybrid plant is rice and the fertility restorer gene is the rice restorer gene for BT-type male sterility.

6. **(Original)** The hybrid plant according to Claim 5, wherein the rice restorer gene for BT-type male sterility is a nucleic acid which encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.49, or an amino acid sequence which is at least 70% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.49, and which functions to restore fertility.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A method for producing the hybrid plant of ~~any one of Claims 1-6,~~ Claim 1, comprising introducing a fertility restorer gene by genetic engineering and placing two or more copies of a fertility restorer gene at two or more gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

8. **(Original)** The method for producing according to Claim 7, which comprises:

- 1) introducing a fertility restorer gene by genetic engineering to produce a plant of fertility restoring line containing the fertility restorer genes homozygously at two or more loci; and
- 2) crossing the plant of fertility restoring line produced by the step of 1) with a plant of sterility line.

9. **(Original)** A plant of fertility restoring line containing the fertility restorer genes homozygously at two or more loci.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to ~~any one of Claims 1-6,~~ Claim 1 having higher seed fertility under a low temperature condition compared to a hetero individual of a single loci for the fertility restorer gene having only a single copy of the fertility restorer gene.